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CROWDS THROGGLED  
THE STATE FAIR

Exhibits a Revelation of the Resources of the Old North State

By RALPH POOL

The biggest crowds ever seen in Raleigh were present at the North Carolina State Fair last week. Every hotel and rooming house in the city was crowded to overflowing, and hundreds of persons spent the night in hotel lobbies and the waiting room of the union station for lack of a better place to stay. While the crowds were big beyond the imagination of the conservative dweller of the small town, still they were good-natured crowds, and there was little of the cruelty which holiday crowds usually show as a manifestation of their exuberant spirits—the pelting with confetti, the horse play with souvenir whips and canes, the ear-splitting blasts of horns, whistles, and the like. Everything considered, the crowds were particularly well-behaved, though people had to stand in line before the restaurants at meal hours, and a shave or a shine was usually obtained only as a reward for long and patient waiting.

The Fair exhibits were a revelation of what can be produced on the farms and dairies, and in the homes and factories of the Old North State. Pure-bred hogs weighing up to 1200 pounds were to be seen, as well as countless varieties of poultry, cattle, sheep, horses and mules, which evidenced the rapid development of the pure-bred live stock industry in the State. It has not been many years since a thoroughbred was regarded as more or less of an expensive ornament in many parts of North Carolina, but the number of counties represented in the stock and poultry exhibit was proof positive of the widespread interest of the people of the State in Better Stock. Among the most attractive of the Fair displays was the apple exhibit, principally from the central and western parts of North Carolina, which would rival a similar exhibition of New York or Oregon apples.

A center of general interest to the lady visitors in particular was the canned fruits and vegetables display of the Girls' Canning Clubs from all parts of the State. This was on a long quadrangular table in the Women's Building, upon which the tempting eatables were exhibited in neat glass cans, in pyramid after pyramid, each pyramid being the display of a county, with a variety of color which added immeasurably to the beauty of the exhibit. Pasquotank county was particularly well represented here, and won the unusual honor of taking four prizes in the State-wide contest of Girls' Clubs. The names of the prize-winners are announced elsewhere in this issue of THE INDEPENDENT.

The campaign against the cattle fever tick was not neglected at the Fair. Dr. Hartwell Robbins, State director of the fight to rid North Carolina of this expensive and troublesome pest, was right on the scene, with a dipping vat in full operation, and several tick-bitten cows, which, by the end of the Fair, must have been pretty thoroughly fed up on dipping, since they received a demonstration bath in a regulation dipping vat every hour, for the edification of the spectators. If Dr. Robbins takes those cattle to one more fair, they will probably begin to grow fins and perhaps develop into sea cows. Some pretty convincing evidence of the value of dipping was presented in the comparison of infected and non-infected cattle of similar breeds which had been raised under like conditions, except as to ticks. Dr. Robbins, who is a genuine hustler, had anti-tick posters tacked up at every point of vantage on the grounds, and hundreds of cattle raisers who had formerly never paid much attention to ticks, had the menace of the pest brought forcibly to their attention.

The Government war exhibit was at some distance from the Fair entrance, and this fact, together with the general tendency of the crowd to forget the trials of the war so recently ended, perhaps accounted for a slightly smaller attendance upon this very excellent exhibit than would have been the case, had the war been further in the past. Captured German helmets, guns and munitions of war, and other interesting relics of the conflict were to be seen in abundance, and in a well chosen display.

The Krause Greater Shows held forth upon the Fair midway, with the usual carnival attractions upon a somewhat larger scale than we usually see at Elizabeth City. Among the curious freaks of nature displayed by the show people was a small creature, stuffed, which was a cross between a dog and a Jersey cow, resulting from the fright of the mother cow when chased by a large bulldog. According to the guardian of the hybrid, it was born on a farm near Blodgett Mills, N. Y. in 1915, and effort by professors at Cornell University to prolong its life were unsuccessful. The representative of this newspaper suspected that obliging gentleman of shooting the bull, but could unearth nothing to confirm the suspicion.

Due to heavy rains beginning Tuesday night, with the consequent softening of the red clay racetrack, it was impossible to have the races scheduled for the rest of the week, thus causing much disappointment to many of the Fair visitors. Fortunately the rains were principally at night, and did not seriously inconvenience the crowds, nor force them to huddle for protection in the exhibition buildings, stuffy at best, which, if crowded to their capacity, would have been unbearable. As it was, those who attended the fair brought away on their

shoes generous quantities of Wake county clay. Everything considered, the fair was a success, notwithstanding the handicaps imposed by the weather, the restricted space for exhibits, and Raleigh's limited housing space for visitors. Those who attended, and saw the State Fair with an eye to improving their own home and farm products could not help having been immeasurably benefitted by viewing the best productions of all sorts from all parts of this great State. If present plans materialize, the 1920 North Carolina State Fair will have bigger and better exhibition halls than ever before, and many of this year's inconveniences will be done away with.

## Storms Carry Birds to Far North.

Certain instances of birds found singly far to the north of their usual range are possibly to be explained by the whirl of our cyclonic storms. The wind, turning counter-clockwise, blows off shore in the south and carries the bird out to sea. But sooner or later, if the bird has the good fortune to last out the experience, the farther spin of the storm tends to bring him ashore again.

## Most Famous Chinese Dish.

What has been considered by Oriental epicures as the daintiest dish in China, the birds' nest, is the product of the sea swallow, which constructs its nest of a gelatinous substance taken from sea moss. The Chinese method of preparing the nests for the table is to soak them and boil them in milk until they are very tender. Then they are placed in clear soup and are ready for use. On his trip to China, General Grant was much feted, and one of the dishes set before him was the birds' nest.

## Outspoken Athenian.

More than twenty-three hundred years ago a young Athenian, speaking of his wife, said to Socrates: "When I saw that she had powder on her face to make it whiter and rouge to make it redder, and that she wore high-heeled shoes to appear taller, I told her it was as dishonorable for her to try to deceive me about her beauty as for me to try to deceive her about my property. I added that, although her arts might impose upon others, they could not impose upon me, who saw her at all times."—Youth's Companion.

## Issuing an "Extra" in Bano.

The editor of the Bano Daily News (Africa) does not have to trouble over such matters as circulation or the high cost of paper. When he gets a piece of news, he smooths off some slabs of wood, writes up the story in his best editorial style, and then gives the slabs to his office boy, who runs off with them and hangs them in conspicuous places so that he who runs may read.

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## First Safety Bicycles.

The first of the safety bicycles was put on the market in 1880. In this the high front wheel was reduced and the rear wheel was about two-thirds the height of the front one. The machines with wheels of the same size appeared in 1885. Bicycling began to be popular about 1891, and the "craze" reached its height about 1895, when wheels had become low enough in price to be within the means of the multitude.

## Keeping Even Temper.

Weariness, tired nerves, poor digestion, sudden demands, an overdose of perspiration and a dozen other things will unbalance the temper. You can't always regulate yourself, but you can do a great deal toward keeping the body in trim. You can see to it that the poor old back does not get a load too heavy to be borne. You can also try to guard against surprises that unbalance the mental mechanism and send the mercury skipping skyward. It's the best way to keep an even temper.

## Silverite a New Metal.

A new development in the alloying of aluminum with other metals has just been accomplished by the production of "silverite." This metal is something entirely new and is composed of a mixture of aluminum and copper, zinc and steel in varying proportions, according to requirements. The alloying of steel with aluminum is somewhat startling and at first thought seems to be impossible, yet it is successful.

## Waiting Till After the Show.

The bridegroom was a big, bashful looking country boy. Immediately after the ceremony he disappeared from the scene, and after a long search was found calmly smoking his pipe in the hay loft in the barn, in his shirt sleeves and his collar off. When asked for an explanation he said: "My collar is so darn high I can't wear it. Tell her I'll wait out here till the show is over and I'll take her home."

## Red Lead for Dry Batteries.

A dry battery utilizing red lead, instead of the usual manganese compound, has been patented by H. Czanyi. It is claimed that the red-lead battery lasts longer than the type now in vogue, may be kept inactive for months without any deterioration and may be recharged at least ten times, with each recharge as efficient as any present battery.

## Makeshift, as It Were.

A strange family had recently moved into the neighborhood. Robert had made the acquaintance of the small son and had learned from him that the man was only the boy's stepfather, and, in explanation to me, Robert said: "It ain't James' own daddy, mamma; he's just a second-hand one."—Chicago Tribune.

## Baby Shoe an Ornament.

The first shoe of the first baby may be preserved as an ornament with both intrinsic and sentimental value. A jeweler plates in gold or silver the creased and worn little shoes just as the baby foot formed it.

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## Dilemma.

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Walter Harris  
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